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About the Presenter:

Dr. Roberta Neault is president of Life Strategies Ltd., home of the internationally recognized Career Management Professional e-learning program. Dr. Neault currently serves as editor of the *Journal of Employment Counseling*, teaches for three Canadian universities, and presents internationally on topics related to career and employee development. Recipient of several prestigious awards in the career development sector, Dr. Neault is known for creative, pragmatic, customized approaches to online or classroom-based learning and research projects. Her research interests include individual and organizational sustainability, the challenges encountered in global careers, and career development within the workplace. Dr. Neault has lived, worked, or travelled on six continents in more than 50 countries – and through e-learning has taught students in countless more. Her dynamic presentations are filled with true stories, practical examples, and a delightful sense of humour.

Title of Paper: **The Immigrant and Repatriate Experience: How Career Professionals Can Smooth the Way**

Abstract:

In a global economy, we have an increasingly mobile workforce. However, as career professionals, we're acutely aware that not all migration experiences are positive ones. This workshop will provide highlights of the challenges encountered by immigrants, repatriates, and global careerists through a review of recent literature and case studies. Topics will include culture shock, transitions, credential recognition, language competency, relocation, and settlement.

Take away specific strategies for helping your clients prepare more realistically for immigration, working internationally, or repatriating after working abroad. Learn about some of the most common challenges faced by immigrants to Canada and web-based tools your clients can access before leaving home.



Share examples from your own part of the world, about those who have emigrated, immigrated, and repatriated. Use this international conference as a strategic meeting place to learn how to better support your clients before, during, and after their immigration experience.

Dr. Neault has travelled, lived, or worked in more than 50 countries and has supported hundreds of immigrants, expatriates, and repatriates as they navigated the complexities of global careers. She has spoken internationally on topics related to the immigrant experience and is co-developer of the Career Management Professional program which includes course on the Immigrant Experience and International/Global Careers. Author of *Beyond the Basics*, *Real World Skills for Career Practitioners*, Dr. Neault has a passion for equipping career practitioners to better serve diverse clients. She currently serves as editor of the Journal of Employment Counseling (US) and on the board of the Career Development Chapter of the Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association. Highly respected by her peers, Dr. Neault has received Canadian and international awards in the career development sector and is an invited speaker at local, regional, national, and international symposia and conferences.